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ESSAY CONTEST
CALL FOR ENTRIES!

- Subject:** The origin of some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, to be chosen by the student. For some possible essay topics (and excerpts of research materials), visit www.constitutionalscholars.org.
- Eligibility:** All students in grades 9 through 12 in the Counties of Onondaga, Albany, Schenectady and Troy. There is **no entry fee**. But each student may submit only one essay per annual contest.
- Format:** A typed original essay of up to **2,000 words** in length based on primary sources cited in a recognized system. No reference to the student's name may appear on the essay, but must appear on a title page, along with the student's grade level, school, home mailing address, telephone number, and any email address.
- Due Date:** Essays are due by midnight on **March 15, 2018**. Essays may be submitted one of two ways: (1) as an email attachment in Word, Word Perfect or PDF format (not Google Docs or Mac Pages) sent to director@constitutionalscholars.org, or (2) by regular U.S. Mail sent to Michael G. Langan, Esq., Chambers of Hon. Glenn T. Suddaby, U.S. District Court, 100 South Clinton Street, Syracuse NY 13261.
- Judging:** By a panel of three or more **federal court judges** based on content, clarity and style, to be determined by the judges in their sole discretion. Results will be announced by **May 1, 2018** (Law Day).
- Prizes:** Three prizes will be offered to high school students in each of the following four sections: (1) the City Public School Section of the Greater-Syracuse Division; (2) the Private and Suburban School Section of the Greater-Syracuse Division; (3) the City Public School Section of the Capital Region Division; and (4) the Private and Suburban School Section of the Capital Region Division. First place prize will be at least **\$400**, second place prize will be at least **\$150**, and third place prize will be at least **\$50**.